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A MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT 3 GOVERNOR ELLEN KARO

Dear District 3 Zonta Members,

Although this will be my final newsletter as your governor, the biennium is far from over. We have workshops and leadership meetings ahead as well as Convention 2010 in San Antonio.

Our workshops this year will focus on preparing new club officers to take over the reins by training them in their respective jobs. For our newer members, we will be putting a special emphasis on helping them to become more familiar with Zonta. That is where our more seasoned members can help. During the workshop, seasoned members and less experienced members will come together to discuss all the issues they may have questions about and, through dialogue, everyone may have a clearer picture of how they can advance the mission of Zonta.

Of course, one of the best places to learn about Zonta is at our international convention. It is an opportunity to meet new Zonta friends and to witness the commitment of so many to the goals of Zonta. It is something that every Zontian should experience.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Spring Workshops as well as in San Antonio. Meanwhile we look forward to an early spring as this winter has been a particularly difficult one weather wise.

Yours in Zonta,

Ellen

Ellen Karo

Governor, Zonta District 3



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***“Women are like tea bags.
It’s only when they are in hot
water that you realize how
strong they are.”***

Eleanor Roosevelt

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News from District 3 Lieutenant Governor Lisa Fraser

One Weekend – Over 30 New Friends

I recently attended the Incoming Governor's Training at the Zonta International Headquarters in Chicago and I wanted to share my experience with you. It was my first visit to headquarters and quite a memorable one. To walk around that office and see artifacts that span our 90 Year history was truly amazing. Each of our Past Zonta International Presidents' pictures were displayed and to see their faces, names and where they were from was very moving. These are the women that have laid the foundation for us to continue doing our important work – to advance the status of women worldwide.

I walked into the Amelia Earhart room to view the many treasures displayed of a legendary Zontian who paved the way for women to pursue careers in aerospace-related science and engineering. On March 18, a former Amelia Earhart fellow (1994-1995), Naoko Yamazaki, will be part of a two week flight as a Japanese crew member of the Atlantis.

The headquarters staff is young and vibrant with an obvious passion not only for the work they do daily to support the operations of our organization, but also for our mission. Many of the ZI board members were present and put together an incredible, well-organized training for 32 incoming Governors. President-Elect Dianne Curtis will be our new leader and I am thrilled to be a part of her team.

The best part of this experience was meeting all of the other incoming governors from all over the world. We had a great time getting to know one another in the few short days we were in Chicago. And I know that I have at least 31 new life-time friends out of this experience. I have friends from Japan, Germany, Ghana, France, Australia, Canada, Iceland, Cyprus, New Zealand, Finland, and Bangladesh just to name a few. With all of the differences we shared, we all shared at least one commonality – our love for Zonta and commitment to our mission.

I share this information, because it is important for us to remember that we are part of a global organization that is far reaching. We make a difference locally at the club level, globally at the international level and we make a difference to each other.

With the upcoming Zonta Convention in our own backyard, you have a great opportunity to meet Zontians from all over the world. Hope you will be able to come to San Antonio and make new friends, learn more about Zonta International, and be a voice for your club and District 3.

I look forward to seeing you at the Spring Workshops and think about bringing a new member or prospective member!!

Lisa Fraser, District 3 Lt. Governor





CONVENTION 2010 SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS



REGISTRATION INFO

The Convention 2010 website, www.zonta2010.org/CalltoConvention.htm, now has everything you need to register for both the convention and the hotel. In order to receive the Zonta rate for the hotels, you must book your hotel room through convention registration. The convention registration fee is \$475 if you register before April 1st. Check the website for hotel costs. You will need your member number when you register. If you don't know it, your club treasurer will have that information.

Proxy Voting

It is very important that any club in District 3 that is not sending a delegate to the convention make sure to have another club carry your proxy vote. If you have any questions regarding proxies, please contact your area director.

Need a Roommate?

If anyone who plans to attend the convention needs a roommate, we will be happy to put your name up on our website. Contact (email) the District 3 Webmaster at webmaster@zontadistrictthree.org.

DISTRICT ACHIEVEMENT FORMS

DUE JUNE 30, 2010



All 2009-2010 Achievement Forms are on our website, www.zontadistrictthree.org, and should be to their respective chairs no later than June 30, 2010. Please follow the instructions for completing and mailing the forms that appear on the first page of the form.

We know that all of our clubs, whether large or small, have been doing great things this past year and we need to hear about them in detail. Let us hear from you.

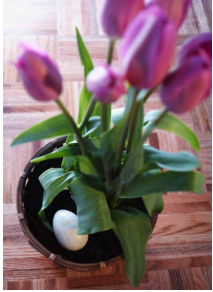
NEW DUES RULES



District 3 will be collecting **ALL** dues for the June 1, 2010 to May 31, 2010 period, **including dues for Zonta International**. All clubs in District 3 should send **SEPARATE** checks, one for District 3 dues and one for Zonta International dues to our District 3 treasurer, Cathy Paul along with two (2) copies of your club roster.

All dues, both D3 and ZI, are due by June 1, 2010. If dues are received after July 1st, there will be a reinstatement fee of \$15 **per member**. Please make sure you get your dues to us in a timely fashion. If you have any questions, please contact our treasurer Cathy Paul.

Spring into Action with District 3 Spring Workshops



At our 2010 Spring Workshops, we offer a unique experience for both new and seasoned members. There are two tracks. Track 1 is for new and aspiring leaders and Track 2 is for new and seasoned members. In this way all attendees are involved and will have the opportunity to make the most of their membership in Zonta.

Track 1 focuses on training our new and aspiring leaders about everything needed to effectively operate their clubs, with a focus on strategic planning. Track 2 brings together seasoned and new or less seasoned members to discover how to get the most out of their Zonta membership, learn more about Zonta International, its Districts and Clubs, and build relationships and networking opportunities with members of clubs other than their own.

We will end with a plenary session discussing the issues to be addressed at the International Convention in San Antonio this June. Whether or not you plan to attend Convention 2010, your voice can be heard by your leaders who will be there.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Area Workshop nearest you. Areas 1&2 workshop will be held on Saturday, April 17th and Areas 3&4 will be held on Saturday, April 24th. Additional details on location and time will follow.

ZI UN COMMITTEE CHAIR JACKIE SHAPIRO VISITS RWANDA



In January, Jackie Shapiro, the Zonta International United Nations Committee Chair, and Kate Weber, the Director for NGOs for the U.S. Fund for UNICEF, traveled to Rwanda to view firsthand the Zonta International project for the prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV/AIDS. They were accompanied by two individuals charged with documenting the project. One of them, Mia Brandt, is the Director of Communications for the U.S. Fund as well as a professional photographer.

"I am not supposed to talk or write about the site visit until the Convention 2010 in San Antonio except I can say, it's a marvelous project proceeding very well and, in my opinion, worthy of Zonta International's support," said Jackie. Jackie is pictured above as well as the picture to the right, along with Kate Weber of UNICEF.



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The United Nations Holds The 54th Commission on the Status of Women

From March 1 to March 12, the annual Commission on the Status of Women will hold its sessions at UN Headquarters in New York. The meetings this year have special meaning to advocates for women's rights and gender equality because they mark 15 years since the Fourth World Conference in Beijing (1995). The 12 critical areas of concern identified in the official outcome document of that Conference, most commonly referred to as the Platform for Action, remain today the global policy framework for women, guiding their work at global, regional and local levels.



Thousands of NGOs from around the world will gather to discuss and provide examples from their experiences to this year's theme—the contribution of the Beijing

Platform for Action to shaping a gender perspective toward the full realization of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

The MDGs are widely embraced by UN Member States, UN agencies, international assistance organizations and NGOs as the development priorities for addressing the world's most pressing problems. Each of the eight MDGs has targets and indicators to measure the achievement of its goal and it is hoped that all of the MDGs will be achieved in every country by 2015.

Although it is widely acknowledged that empowering women is essential to achieving each of the MDGs, there is much concern that the targets and indicators for some of the MDGs are not adequate measures for the achievement of the goals. This year's Commission on the Status of Women will address how the more

comprehensive framework of the Platform for Action and the CEDAW Convention can be employed to expand the gender perspective toward achievement of the MDGs.

Zonta International will be represented at the CSW by President-elect Dianne Curtis, ZI UN Committee Chairman Jackie Shapiro and members of the ZI UN Committee Simone Ovar, Elisabeth Shuman, Karen Siegel and Mary Ann Tarantula. ZI Legislative Awareness and Advocacy Chairman Denise Conroy, Council of Europe Chairman Karen Nordmeyer and African Beijing+15 regional organizer Dunstanette Macauley will also represent Zonta.

The CSW will be preceded by a two-day NGO Forum. There will also be a luncheon honoring President-elect Dianne Curtis on March 6th at the Beekman Hotel in New York City.

A New Club for District 3

It's official. The Zonta Club of Ringwood has been officially chartered by Zonta International. Our newest club boasts twenty-one enthusiastic, committed members.

The chartering celebration will take place at a luncheon on Sunday, March 7th at Portobello's Restaurant in Oakland, New Jersey.

Everyone in District 3 is invited to join in the celebration.



The cost of the luncheon is \$50.00 per person. Checks may be made payable to Zonta Club of Ringwood and mailed to Kathryn Holmes at 54 High Mountain Road, Ringwood, NJ 07456. For additional information please call Kathy at 973-835-7474 or email her at Kathryn.holmes@tdbanknorth.com.

For those who cannot attend, please send greetings to Kathy at the above address.

Change in D3 Nominating Committee

Because Zonta International rules prohibit candidates from running for two positions in the same year, Governor Ellen Karo has resigned from the District 3 Nominating Committee.

Irma Dillon, presently Area 3 Director, who is the next in line based on the voting at our Conference 2009, will take her place.



"I know that Irma will do an excellent job of recruiting the leaders for the 2012-2014 biennium. I would also like to thank the Zonta members of District 3 for their vote of confidence last October," said Governor Ellen.



DISTRICT 3 WEBSITE NOTES

If you would like your club events and programs put on the District 3 website, please contact our webmaster at webmaster@zontadistrictthree.org and she will be happy to fulfill your request. You can also go to the website's home page and click on [Ask the Webmaster](#), and you can write your email from there.

It has come to our attention that many of you are confused about the location of our new website because the old website is still up. Hopefully that website will be down soon. In the meantime, make sure you go to www.zontadistrictthree.org to find the latest news and updates about District 3.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2010

April 17th	Areas 1&2 Spring Workshop
April 24th	Areas 3&4 Workshop
June 25th-30th	Convention 2010—San Antonio, Texas
October 1st-3rd	District 3 Conference 2010-Atlantic City, NJ See attached flyer for more info



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